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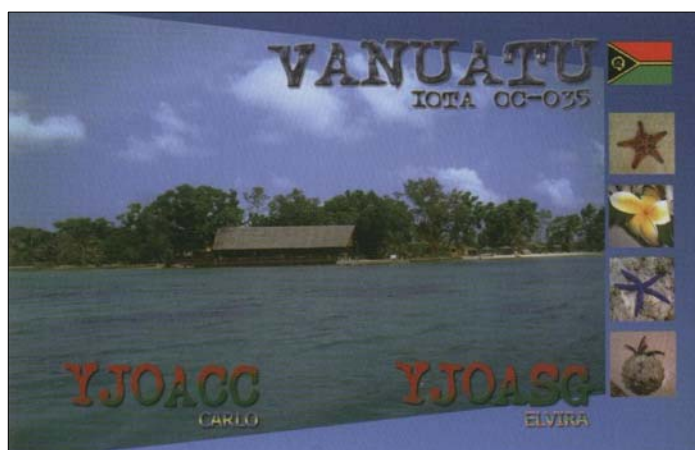
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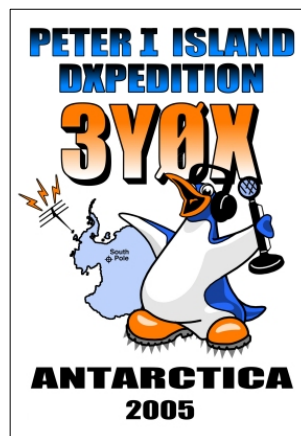
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The new QSL card for HFOPOL



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DX INFORMATION

3Y0X DELAYED

The 3Y0X team members were scheduled to depart Punta Arenas on 14 January, and the activity from Peter I Island was expected to take place between 21 January and 4 February. The latest official reports indicate that there will be at least a two and one-half to three-week delay, because problems have arisen with completing the renovation and re-registration of the ship on schedule. One of the team members is in Chile gathering information and a second team member will arrive on 17 January. They will travel to the shipyard and personally inspect the vessel. Updates are expected in due course. [TNX KOIR and K4UEE]

3C - A station signing 3CAK (yes, this is the call - WFWL) is currently active from Malabo, Bioco Island (AF-010), Equatorial Guinea. Reportedly the operator (home call not given) expects to be there until April. QSL to Vladimir Arseniev, Gagarina St. 14A/1, Zelenogradsk 238530, Kaliningrad, Russia. [TNX IK2IQD]

ROTUMA

Charlie, HA8IB and Eli, HA9RE (<http://ha9re.fw.hu>) will be active as 3D2RR from Rotuma (OC-060) from 27 January until 21-22 February. They plan to operate on 160-10 metres CW, SSB and RTTY with two stations, and to participate in the CQ WW 160 Meter CW and ARRL DX CW contests. While on Fiji they will operate as 3D2RE. QSL via HA8IB. [TNX HA9RE]

3V - The Tunisian Scouts station 3V8ST will be activated as 3V8ST/p from the City Hall in Tunis until 16 January, to celebrate the Tunisian Childhood Week. QSL to Scouts Tunisiens, P.O. Box 339, Tunis El-Mahrajen, 1082 Tunis, Tunisia. [TNX F5NQL]

3V - Amateur radio operators from Tunisia have been authorized to use the special callsign TS1WHC during the World Handball Championship from 23 January to 2 February. QSL via the ASTRA bureau (P.O. Box 339, Tunis El-Mahrajen, 1082 Tunis, Tunisia). [TNX F5NQL]

3V - Mustapha, DL1BDF reports that the following scout stations are allowed to use special callsigns during the World Handball Championship through 6 February:

3V8ST = TS1WHC 20, 15, 12, 10m

3V8CB = TS2WHC 80, 40, 17, 10m

3V8SQ = TS3WHC 80, 40, 20, 10m

3V8SF = TS4WHC 40, 17, 15, 10m

3V8SM = TS5WHC 80, 40, 20, 10m

3V8SJ = TS6WHC 20, 15, 10m

3V8SS = TS7WHC 80, 20, 12, 10m

QSL via the Tunisian QSL bureau. [TNX DJ7IK]

8Q - Owing to the tragic events in that part of the world, Paolo, IK2QPR (8Q7PR) has cancelled his 9-17 January [425DXN 711] trip to the Maldives. [TNX IK2QPR]

9A - DE0MST, DF9MV, DL5MFL, 9A3KB, 9A2WJ and 9A6AA will operate as 9AOC1 (QSL via DE0MST) from Struga Island (EU-016, IOCA CI-051) on 14-21 May. [TNX 9A6AA]

9A - Robert, 9A5E reports that a team of operators from 9A1A will be active from Veli Rat Lighthouse (CRO-183) on Dugi Otok (EU-170, IOCA CI-018) on 27-30 January.

9H - Special event call 9H2NCC will be aired (on the HF bands plus 6 and 2 metres) on 1-31 March to celebrate the World Carnival to be hosted in Nadur Gozo, Malta. QSL direct to 9H4DX. [TNX 9H4DX]

9H - Roger, G4IPE will operate as 9H3RW from Malta (EU-023) from 24 January to 2 February. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. [TNX VA3RJ]

SOMALIA

The tentative transmitting frequencies for the 3-17 February 600G and 600CW activity from Somalia [425DXN 704] are:

BAND	SSB	CW	RTTY
6	50110	50110	-
10	28450	28055	28080
12	24960	24910	24935
15	21270	21055	21080
17	18140	18095	18120
20	14210	14055	14079
30	-	10115	10130
40	7050	7005	7035
80	3790	3505	3560
160	1840	1820	-

Proposed frequencies have been chosen in order to avoid any possible confusion with the DXpedition to Peter I (which however now is unlikely to be concurrent with the 60's). Comments and suggestions are welcome (i2ysb@i2ysb.com), and please note that new, different frequencies might be selected depending on actual local conditions. The web site for the expedition is at <http://www.i2ysb.com/60/> [TNX I2YSB]

C5 - Alan, G3XAQ and Steve, G4EDG will be active as C56C from The Gambia between 28 January and 10 February. The operation will be CW-only on HF, using 100W rigs and wire aerials. QSL via G3SWH. [TNX G3XAQ]

C6 - Bill, K1CN and his wife Laurel, N1EBL will operate again as C6AMM and C6AWW from Harbour Island (NA-001), Bahamas on 6-26 February. Expect activity on 40-6 metres SSB (CW on request). QSL via K1CN, direct or bureau. [TNX K1CN]

CARIBBEAN TOUR - Larry/W1LR and Bill/W4WX will operate as V25LR and V25WX from Antigua (NA-100) on 21-24 February, and as VP2MHS (Larry) and VP2MHX (Bill) from Montserrat (NA-103) from 24 February through 2 March. Look for them primarily on PSK-31 and RTTY on 6, 10, 12, 15, 17 and 20 metres. QSL direct only to home calls. [TNX W4WX]

CE - Marco, CE6TBN (<http://www.qsl.net/ce6tbn>) planned to operate from Ascension Island, Las Guaitecas (SA-043, DICE ICE-704) on 14-16 January, but he has been forced to cancel his trip owing to transportation problems. He will operate as CE6TBN/7 from Chiloe Island (SA-018) until 17 January on 20, 17, 15, 12 and 10 metres SSB and QRS CW. QSL via CE6TBN, direct (Marco A. Quijada Q., P.O. Box 1234, Temuco, Chile) or bureau. [TNX CE6TBN]



Marco, CE6TBN on Easter Island in 2002

CEO_ei - Oystein/LA5QKA, Ole/LA6EIA and his wife Kari/LA8FMA, Terje/LA8BCA, Torbjorn/LA8ELA, Reidar/LA9DK, Norleif/LA9FG, Svein Jarle/LA9KKA, Harald/LA9SN and Soren/OZ1FTU will be active from Easter Island (SA-001) on 8-18 January. They will operate as 3G0YP (CW and digital modes) and 3G0YM (SSB). QSL via LA6EIA (Ole Forr, Frya, N-2647 Sor-Fron, Norway). More information at <http://www.qsl.net/3g0ym> [TNX LA6EIA]

CO - From 27 to 31 January Lazaro/CO2WL, Jorge/CO3LF, Jorge/CO3JN, Juan/ CO3JN and Gamboa/CO3VK will be active from Cayo Jutia (NA-093). The operators will be QRV on SSB (1950, 3770, 7090, 14260, 18145, 21260, 24945, 28450) and PSK (1838, 3600, 10110, 14070, 18100, 21070, 24920 28120). QSL via EA3ESZ: Juan Domingo Bautista Andreu, Avd. Pio XII 14-4-1, 43740 Mora D'Ebre, Tarragona, Spain (CO2WL) and via IZ8EBI: Giuseppe Gerace, P.O. Box 364, 87100 Cosenza - CS, Italy (CO3LF, CO3JN, CO3JN and CO3VK). [TNX IZ8EBI]

CY9 - Twelve operators from Canada and the US (namely VA2DV, VE1PZ, VE2TKH, VY2LI, VY2OX, VY2RO, VY2SS, VE9GJ and VE9WH; K9MU, W1AIM and W1VE) plan to be active as CY9SS from St. Paul Island (NA-094) between 7 June and 7 July. They expect to have two stations for the HF bands, 2 stations for 6 metres (one for Europe only) and one station for 2 metres. QSL direct to VY2SS; logs will be uploaded to LOTW. The web site for the expedition is at <http://www.cy9ss.com>



St. Paul Island (NA-094)

DL - DL2SWW and DL2VFR will operate SSB and CW from Poel Island (O-02 for the German Islands Award) on 14-16 and 21-23 January. Side trips to three lighthouses (FED-236, FED-092 and FED-093) are possible. All of the IOTA credits for Poel and its relevant group (EU-098) will be deleted from individual scores shortly after compiling the Annual Listings for 2005. [TNX DL2VFR]

DU_spr - DU1EV, DU1JXP, DU1MHX, 4F1OZ, 4F2KWT and 4F3BA plan to be active on 160-6 metres as DX0K from one of the Philippine Spratly Islands (AS-051) from now through late April at least. The first operator will be 4F2KWT, the others will follow. QSL via 4F2KWT. [TNX DU1EV]

EA8 - A group of operators from the Canary Islands DX Society will operate as EF8BDX from Burrero Rock (AF-004, DIE S-349) on 12-13 February. Activity will take place on 15 metres SSB, as the operators hold EC8 licences and have not full privileges. QSL via EC8ADU (all

QSOs will be confirmed through the bureau). Pictures will be posted on <http://www.cidxs.com> [TNX EC8AUA]

EM - Special event station EM60J will be active on all bands and modes on 4-11 February to commemorate the 60th anniversary of the Yalta Conference during World War II. QSL via UU5JYA or direct to P.O. Box 378, Yalta, 98600, Ukraine. [TNX UU5JK]

ES - Oleg/ES1RA and Vello/ES1QD will operate as ES1RA/0 and ES1QD/0 Muhu Island (EU-034) on 8-10 January. QSL ES1RA/0 to P.O. Box 806, 11702 Tallinn, Estonia; QSL ES1QD/0 to P.O. Box 3739, 10508 Tallinn, Estonia. [TNX ES1RA]

F - Special event stations TM6OLW (QSL via F5TFI) and TM6OLS (QSL via F5OCL) will be active from 23 January to 6 February to commemorate the 60th anniversary of the liberation of Wittenheim and Sausheim. [TNX F5NQL]

F - The Radio Club de Normandie will operate as F5KAR/P from the rare Departement 48 (Lozere) during the French CW Contest on 29-30 January. Look for F5KAR/P. All contacts will be confirmed via the bureau, F6GUF will handle direct QSLs if needed. [TNX F6GUF]

F - Jean-Marc, F5SGI will operate (on 10-80 metres mainly CW) as F5SGI/P from Batz Island (EU-105, DIFM MA-018) from 30 April to 6 May. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. [TNX F5SGI]

FM - KCOW will operate as T000 from Martinique (NA-107) from 27 January to 13 February, including an entry in the CQ WW 160 Meter CW Contest (29-30 January). QSL direct to KCOW. [TNX NG3K]

GLORIOSO ISLANDS

The DXpedition to the Glorioso Islands (AF-011) [425DXN 702] is expected to take place between 15 and 30 May. A team of several French operators plans to be active with six stations (five for the HF bands and one for 6 metres). The list of operators has not been finalized so far, but it might include FO CRS, F1AKK, F5AEP, F5CW, F5IRO, F5JKK/FM5JC, F5MSR, F5OGL, F5PTM, F8UNF, FR5IZ, FR5ZU, TZ6SA. The QSL route has changed, and the QSL manager will be F5OGL. [TNX La Gazette du DX]

GD - G3NKC, G4XUM and M0BEW will participate in the CQ WW 160 Meter CW Contest (29-30 January) as MD4K from the Isle of Man. QSL via G3NKC. [TNX NG3K]

GJ - Look for Bert, PA3GIO (<http://www.pa3gio.nl/MJ/>) to operate (on 80-10 metres SSB) as MJ/PA3GIO/p from Jersey Island (EU-013) on 22-27 January. QSL via home call, direct or bureau (please visit Bert's website for the bureau QSL request form and the details for direct QSLing). [TNX PA3GIO]

HK0_mal - Pedro Claver Orozco, HK1XX (ex HK1HHX and ex HK0TU in 1990) has announced that the DX Colombia Group (<http://www.dxcolumbia.com>) is organizing a DXpedition to Malpelo Island (SA-007) some time between June 2005 and March 2006. They plan to have 13 operators from Colombia and 7 guest operators from abroad, and to be active on all modes. If interested in participating in the DXpedition, please contact Pedro (hk1hxx@costa.net.co). [TNX HK1XX]

I - Club station IQ8LD will be active on 14-16 January for the Asia Radio Aid event organized by ARI Locride (<http://www.arilocri.it>) and the Strange Radio Team (<http://www.strangeradioteam.com>) with the aim of collecting funds to be donated to charity for the peoples hit by the earthquake/tsunami in the Bay of Bengal. Amateurs and SWLs worldwide are invited to participate in this event; for further information please contact the Award Manager (Francesco Spatolisano, IK8YDP) at ik8ydp@virgilio.it [TNX IK8IOI & IZ8EDJ]

I - The 7-9 January IO9TA operation from EU-166 [425DXN 712] has been cancelled because of bad sea conditions. [TNX IZ8CCW]

I - ARI Versilia and ARI Ivrea club stations (IQ5VR and IQ11V respectively) will be activated between 23 January and 8 February for the 132nd Carnival of Viareggio. Details on the relevant award are available at <http://www.ariversilia.it/>. QSL IQ11V via IK1YLO, bureau or direct. [TNX IK5ZPZ & IK1YLO]

I - Alberto, IT9MRM will be visiting Favignana Island (EU-054, IIA TP-011) on 1 February, and hopes to operate as IF9/IT9MRM on 15, 20 and 40 metres SSB from the lighthouse at Punta Marsala (ARLHS ITA -35, WAIL SI-023) between 7 and 16 UTC. Logs will be available at <http://www.mondoradiomania.tk>; QSL via IT9MRM, direct or bureau. [TNX IT9MRM]

I - Look for special station II1TPG (www.ii1tpg.it) to be aired again on 26-30 January, 3 February and 10-19 March. This will be the official amateur radio station for the IX Paralympic Winter Games, which will be hosted in Torino in 2006. QSL via IZ1CCE, direct or bureau. [TNX IZ1CCE]

I - ARI Pomigliano (<http://www.aripom.org/>) will operate as IU8GMM on 11-13 February for the World Day of the Sick. QSL via bureau to IQ8PD.

I - Alberto, IT9MRM will operate (from 7 to 16 UTC on SSB) as IY9MAR on 8-10 March to celebrate the 91st anniversary of the experiments carried out by Guglielmo Marconi from the ship "Regina Elena" at Augusta (Siracusa). All of the QSOs will be confirmed automatically via the bureau; direct cards should be sent to IT9MRM (Alberto Mattei, Via E. Millo 20, 96011 Augusta - SR, Italy). A web page will be available at <http://www.assoradiomarinai.tk> [TNX IT9MRM]

I - ARI Taranto (<http://www.aritaranto.it>) club station IQ7TA will be activated during the Holy Week on 24-27 March. Details on the relevant award are available from the Award Manager Leonardo Leone, IZ7EDQ (iz7edq@aritaranto.it). QSL via bureau. [TNX IZ7AUH]

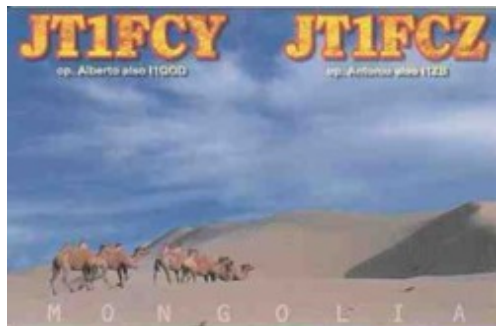
JA - Look for JJ6FTT/6 and JK6RCO/6 to operate from Hime Island (AS-012, JIIA AS-012-013) on 9-10 January. QSL via home calls, direct or bureau. [TNX JI6KVR]

JA - Look for JL3CRS/6 to operate from a few AS-017 islands on 7-8 January. Islands mentioned include Henza (JIIA AS-017-010) or Ike (JIIA AS-017-01) on the 7th, Yagachi (JIIA AS-017-040) or Sesoko (JIIA AS-017-035) on the 8th and Okinawa Honto (JIIA AS-017-033) on 8 January at night. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. [TNX JI6KVR]

JA - Toshi, JM1PXG will operate as JM1PXG/1 from Hachijo Island (AS-043) on 15-17 January. Look for him on 10-80 metres, CW only. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. [TNX JM1PXG and www.islandchaser.com]

JA - Look for JR2RKK/6 to operate from the Miyako Islands (AS-079) on 26-30 January. QSL via home call. [TNX The Daily DX]

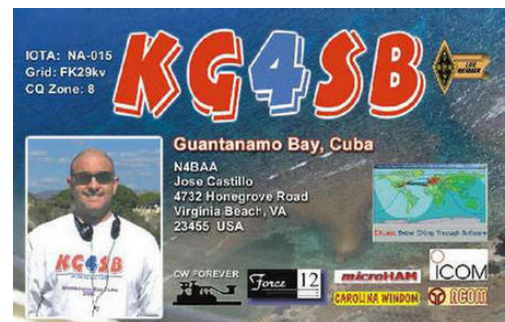
JA - Yoshiro, JA1AMP will operate (on 80-10 metres CW, SSB, RTTY, PSK and MFSK) as JA1AMP/6 from Yoron Island (Amami Islands, AS-023) on 20-21 March. QSL via bureau to JA1AMP, or direct to JL3SIK. [TNX JA1AMP]



JT - INORC President Antonio Zerbini, I1ZB (JT1FCZ) and Secretary Alberto Frattini, I1QOD (JT1FCY) will be active from Mongolia on 10-18 February. They will operate from either the club station in Ulan Bataar and Lake Hovsgol in call area 7. Theirs will be a CW only activity, and plans are to operate mainly on 80, 40, 30 and 15 metres. [TNX I2AZ]

KC4_ant - Chris Post, N3SIG reports he will be on the air for the last time this night as KC4/N3SIG [425DXN 707] from McMurdo Station (K-09 for the Antarctica Award) on Ross Island (AN-001), Antarctica. "Look for me today, my Saturday, your Friday on the East Coast US starting at 7PM Eastern time or 1300 Local Antarctica Time. You will find me on 14.243 USB, and I might try 15M if the bands are open."

KG4 - Jose, N4BAA and other two operators will be active from Guantanamo Bay (NA-015) on 15-22 January. Callsigns will be KG4SB (QSL via N4BAA), KG4AS (QSL via N4SIA) and KG4WV (QSL via W4WV). They will operate on 160-6 metres all modes. [TNX OPDX Bulletin]



KHO - Takashi, JF1MIA and Shun, JH7IMX will operate from the Mariana Islands (OC-086) until 31 January. Takashi will participate in the CQ WW 160 Meter CW Contest as KHOA, while Shun will be singing K7WD/KHO during the UK DX RTTY Contest. QSL via home calls. [TNX NG3K]

KH2 - Look for Kuro, JH0MGJ to operate as AL5A/NH2 from Guam (OC-026) on 18-20 March. QSL via home call through the JARL bureau. [TNX JH0MGJ]

KH5 - Bev, AH6NF expects to operate (10-40 metres SSB with some PSK) in her spare time from Palmyra Atoll (OC-085) on 3-18 February. QSL via home call. [TNX The Daily DX]

LU - A group of operators from Radio Club Argentino (LU4AA) will be active with two stations on 10-80 metres from Martin Garcia Island (SA-055) and Lighthouse (ARG-045). Look for LR4D (CW) and LR5D (SSB) from around 21 UTC on 13 January to around 15 UTC on the 16th. QSL via LU4AA, direct or bureau. [TNX LU3DW]

LU - LU9DA, LU5EW and LU1DWW will operate (on 10, 15 and 20 metres SSB) as LU2DT from the lighthouse at Punta Mogotes (ARG-005) on 22-23 January. QSL via LU2DT (P.O. Box 664, B7600 Mar del Plata, Argentina). [TNX LU9DA]

LU_so - Willy, ON5AX is visiting Antarctica as a tourist and has been granted permission to operate as LU1ZA from the "Orcadas" base (LU-14 for the Antarctica Award) on Laurie Island, South Orkneys (AN-008). Look for him on 2 January at 14.45 UTC on 21260 kHz and at 20.15 UTC on 14290 kHz. [TNX DL5EBE]

OA - DL3ALF, DL5YWM, DL1NL and DL2JRM will operate CW and SSB from Lima, Peru on 5-19 February. A side trip to an IOTA group (possibly SA-073) is being taken into consideration. [TNX DL2JRM]

OE - Austrian amateur radio operators are allowed to use the special prefix OE50 through 31 December to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the State Treaty that on 15 May 1955 established political autonomy for the Austrian Republic. [TNX OE8KDK]

OH0 - Look for OH0W to be aired from Kumlinge, Aland Islands (EU-002) on 9-15 February. The main target will be a Multioperator entry in the CQ WW WPX RTTY Contest (12-13 February). QSL via bureau to OH3LQK. [TNX OH3LQK]

P2 - Jerry, P29ZAD will be active from Tabar Island (OC-099) on 18-27 January. He will operate during his spare time, probably around 21 and 8 UTC on +/- 14260 kHz. QSL direct to Jerry Walker, P.O. Box 264, Ukarumpa, EHP 444, Papua New Guinea. [TNX The Daily DX]

P4 - Ed, W0YK will be active as P40X from Aruba (SA-036) on 3-11 January. He will operate CW on the low HF and WARC bands, and he will also operate RTTY (ARRL RTTY Roundup included). QSL via home call. [TNX ARRL DX Bulletin]

P4 - Andy, K2LE will operate as P40LE from Aruba (SA-036) on 1-26 February. He plans to concentrate on the WARC bands. [TNX The Daily DX]

PA - Look for Bruno, F4CZU and Sylvain, F5TLN to operate on 10-40 metres from Schouwen Duiveland (EU-146) on 29-30 January. QSL via F5TLN. [TNX IZ8CCW]

PJ7 - Ron, PJ7/ND5S and Sue, PJ7/KF5LG will operate (on 160-10 metres CW, RTTY and SSB) from Dutch St. Maarten (NA-105) on 6-26 February. Ron will be active for both the CQ/RJ RTTY WPX and the ARRL DX CW Contests. The web site for more details is at <http://www.qsl.net/nd5s/> [TNX ND5S]

PY - The Avellaneda Radio Club will operate as PP5/LU7EO from Florianopolis, Santa Caterina (SA-026) from 25 January through 2 February. Activity is expected to take place mostly on 40 metres SSB, from 22 to 2 UTC. QSL direct to Avellaneda Radio Club, P.O. Box 41, 1870 Avellaneda, Buenos Aires, Argentina. [TNX CT1END]

R1A_ant - Vlady, RU3HD [425DXN 705] is currently stationed at the Russian base "Novolazarevskaya" (UA-08 for the Antarctica Award, IOTA AN-016) and operates as either R1ANN and RU3HD/ANT. At the moment he is active on 20, 30 and 40 metres, but he plans to install antennas for other bands. QSL via RZ3DJ (Dmitry Tsyplakov, P.O. Box 5/3, Pushkino - 5, 141205, Russia). [TNX RZ3DJ]

S2 - S3A is the call to be used by Manjurul, S21AM and Dave, EI3IO during their 4-7 February operation from Bhola Island (AS-140) [425DXN 710]. On-line logs at http://connogue.com/EI3IO/search_AS140.htm after the operation. QSL via EI3IO, direct or bureau (please visit <http://EI3IO.com> for QSLling instructions).

S9 - CT1APE, CT1FFU and CT2GLO will be active (on 160-6 metres SSB, CW, RTTY and PSK31) as S92RI from Rolas Island (AF-023), Sao Tome and Principe, on 20-26 February. [TNX CT1EEB]

SP - The Polish Amateur Radio Union (PZK) celebrates its 75th anniversary in 2005, and several special prefixes and calls will be aired between 1 January and 31 March. Callsigns issued so far include 3Z0IU (SP2IU), 3Z75GFI (SP9GFI), 3Z75IWA (SP7IWA), 3Z75Z (SP8AJC), HF75PZK (SP0PZK), SN75CYG (SQ9CYG), SN75FIH (SQ9FIH), SN75JMR (SP2JMR), SN75NWN (SP9NWN), SP75ECC (SP5ECC), SP75HQJ (SP9HQJ), SP75JCN (SPJCN), SP75PNB (SP9PNB), SP75SOU (SP9SOU), SP75TNX (SP9TNX), SP75YST (SP9YST). SQ75FMU (SQ9FMU), SQ75HQO and (SQ7HQO), while the PZK HQ station will use HF75PZK. [TNX SP9JPA]

SP - Marek, SP2Y will operate as SN2IARU between 24 January and 15 March to celebrate the 80th anniversary of IARU and the 75th anniversary of PZK, the national IARU Society for Poland. QSL via SP2Y, either direct

(Marek Klonowski, ul. Staszica 58/20, 82-500 Kwidzyn, Poland) or bureau. [TNX SP2Y]

ST - Dane, S57CQ/ST2T is still in Sudan and he is likely to be working there for the next three months. He plans to operate RTTY soon. QSL via S57DX, direct or bureau. [TNX S57DX]

ST - Paul, ST2PN is back in Sudan. He is likely to be stationed in Khartoum, which means he will have more time to spend on the amateur radio bands. Expect some RTTY activity in the future. QSL via PA7FM (direct requests received so far are being processed right now; bureau cards are not accepted for the time being). Logs and several new pictures can be found at <http://www.pa7fm.nl> [TNX PA7FM]

SV - Look for George SV1QN/8, Fotis SV1AIN/8, Manolis SV1EQU/8, Giannis SV1GYG/8 and Nikos SW1GYN/8 to operate from Skyros Island (EU-060) on 24-28 March. They plan to be active with three stations on 160-10 metres SSB and digital modes; 50.140 MHz SSB and 144.300 MHz SSB will be monitored for possible band openings. [TNX SV1GYG]

TA - Berkin, TA3J will operate as TA3J/60 (six zero, <http://www.geocities.com/ta3j60>) from 1 January to 1 March for the "CQ/60" Operating Activity and the "CQ Gang Award" (see CQ Magazine Anniversary in the "Good To Know" section below). QSL via TA3YJ, direct or bureau. [TNX TA3YJ]

TG - Bill, NI4Y and his wife Tricia, AB4XQ will be active as homecall/TG from Guatemala on 18-24 January. They plan to operate mostly CW on 40, 30, 20 and 17 metres. QSL via NI4Y, direct or bureau. [TNX OPDX Bulletin]

TZ - Christian, TZ6SA is expected to be active from Mali starting around mid January. QSL to Christian Saint-Arroman, BP E 1490, Bamako, Mali or Christian Saint-Arroman, Christian Saint-Arroman, Chemin de Mousteguy, F-64990 Urcuit, France. [TNX La Gazette du DX]

UA - Mike, UA0MF reports he will operate as UA0MF/9 from Ural area (RDA CB-54, GL MO04ew), near the border with European Russia, on 10-20 January. He will pay special attention to the low bands.

UR_ant - Willy, ON5AX (see LU_so above) also hopes to operate as either EM1U or VP8DI from the "Akademik Vernadsky" of Ukraine (UR-01) on Galindez Island (AN-006), Antarctica. [TNX DL5EBE]

UA_ant - Aleksej, UA1PAC [425DXN 695] is currently active as R1ANC from Russian base Vostok (UA-10 for the Antarctica Award), Antarctica. He operates barefoot as linear amplifiers can interfere with scientific equipments, but has a better antenna. QSL via DL5EBE. [TNX IZ8CGS]

V3 - Art, NN7A will operate as V31JZ/p from South Water Caye (NA-180), Belize on 10-14 February. He plans to be active on 10-40 metres CW (with some activity on 80 and 160 metres, as well as on 15 and 20 metres SSB, conditions permitting) with 100 watts and vertical and wire antennas. QSL via NN7A, direct (Art Phillips, P.O. Box 201, Flagstaff, AZ 86002, USA) or bureau. [TNX NG3K]

V4 - Mike/W1USN, Bob/AA1M and Scott/W1SSR will be active as V4/homecalls from St. Kitts (NA-104) from 24 February to 4 March. They hope to operate CW, SSB and PSK on all authorized HF bands. QSL via home calls, direct or bureau. [TNX AA1M]

V5 - Janusz, SP6IXF and Przemek, SP7VC will be active (requested calls V51IXF and V51VC) from Namibia from 25 February to 11 March. They plan to operate on all bands and to participate in the CQ WW 160 Meter SSB and ARRL DX SSB contests. [TNX SP5UAF]

VE - VE3JM and VE3EY will operate as VE2/homecall from Sept Iles, Quebec (Zone 2) on 13-19 January. Their main focus will be on the low bands. QSL via home calls. [TNX NG3K]

VE - Yuri, VE3DZ will be active again as VE2IM from Sept-Iles (Zone 2) on 26-31 January, CQ WW 160 Meter CW Contest included. [TNX VE3DZ]

VE - John, VE7JZ is currently active from Kaien Island (NA-061) until 30 April. QSL direct to the address at www.wm7d.net [TNX VA3RJ]

VK - Australian amateur radio stations are allowed to use the AX prefix from 00.00 to 24.00 local time on 26 January to celebrate Australia Day.

MACQUARIE ISLAND

Dave, VK0MT is currently active from Macquarie Island (AN-005). Owing to his work commitments, he has time for amateur radio only during his evening hours. He operated for a few days from a small hut at Water Fall Bay, using a long wire and a vertical whip antenna, but once back to the main research station, he should have access to better antennas. Victor, ZK1CG gave Dave times and frequencies for some nets - the Southern-Cross DX Net (14239 kHz at 11 UTC), the W7PHO Net (14245 kHz at 14 UTC), the ANZA Net (14183 kHz at 05.15 UTC), the 247 Net (14247 kHz at 21 UTC). Dave will be stationed on "Macca" until the end of March, and he plans to be active on SSB, PSK and some CW (QRS) on 2-160 metres. QSL via JE1LET (direct only). Full information on Macquarie Island can be found on the Australian Antarctic Division's web site at <http://www.aad.gov.au/default.asp?casid=7151> [TNX JE1LET and ZK1CG]



*The scientific station on Macquarie Island
(Source: www.aad.gov.au)*

VP2M - Art, N2NB will be active as VP2MDY from Montserrat (NA-103) from 24 February through 8 March. Activity will be on all bands 6-160 metres, including PSK31. [TNX N2NB]

VP2V - Curt, W3HQ will operate from Virgin Gorda, British Virgin Islands (NA-023) for the CQ WW 160 Meter CW Contest. Start looking for him on that band from 26 January to 5 February. He will accept skeds (w3hq@arri.net) up to 22 January. [TNX NG3K]

VP5 - Saul, WA1UKN will be active (on 40, 17, 15, 12 and 10 metres SSB) as VP5/WA1UKN from Grand Turk (NA-003) and then from North Caicos (NA-002) between 4 and 28 January. QSL via home call. [TNX ARRL DX Bulletin]

VP8_ant - It is possible that Mike, GM0HCQ/VP8CMH may operate as VP8ROT from "Station R - Rothera" (G-07 for the Antarctica Award) on Adelaide Island (AN-001), Antarctica around 23 January. "An important point to note", Mike says, "is that if I am able to work from the

base it will only be for a few hours at most, in the evening". Keep an eye on <http://www.gm0hcq.com/> for updates. [TNX GM0HCQ]

VP8_sg - Lars, DL9LB is sailing from the Falkland Islands to South Georgia (AN-007) aboard the RRS James Clark Ross. He should get to Husvik around 11-15 January and he expects to remain there for about 6 weeks. Owing to his limited spare time, Lars says, he will be able to spend only 30 minutes a day on the amateur radio bands. Look for VP8DIF around the IOTA frequencies. QSL via DB3LSP. [TNX DL9LB]

VU - Arasu, VU2UR reports that Sagar Island (AS-153) will be activated on the HF bands on 10-16 January. The Calcutta VHF Amateur Radio Society (<http://www.calcuttahams.com>) has participated in the annual Ganga Sagar Mela festival for years now. They operate upon request from the district administration to assist them in maintaining an emergency communication network and handling missing persons traffic. Activity on the HF bands (look around the usual IOTA frequencies - 14260, 21260 etc.) will take place during the operators' spare time.

W - The Naval Postgraduate School ARC (K6LY) will activate Point Pinos Lighthouse (ARLHS USA-634) on 1-7 February to celebrate the 150th anniversary of the lighthouse. Look for special call K6P to be aired on +/- 7270, 14270, 21370 and 28370 kHz. QSL direct to WC6DX (G.Costello, P.O. Box 1332, Monterey, CA 93942, USA). [TNX VA3RJ]

XE - Look for XF1K to be aired from two most wanted IOTA groups in the State of Baja California Sur as follows: Asuncion Island (NA-164) - from around 23 UTC (depending on weather and tide conditions) on 10 January for 72 hours; Santa Ines Island (NA-165) - from around 20 UTC (depending on weather and tide conditions) on 14 January for 48 hours. The operators will be Ray/N6VR, Norman/N6JV, Gerardo/XE2Q, Marco/XE2TG, Miguel/XE2UCT Diana/XE2DN and Hector/XE2K. Plans are to have 2-3 barefoot stations active simultaneously on 6-80 metres SSB and CW for 12-16 hours a day. QSL via N6AWD (Fred K. Stenger, 6000 Heskett Dr., Bakersfield, CA 93309, USA). The expedition is supported by IREF (<http://www.islandradio.org>). [TNX XE2K]

XU - Peter, NO2R will operate as XU7ACY from the DX Shack in Sihanoukville, Cambodia on 9-21 January. He will concentrate on 40, 80 and 160 metres. QSL via K2NJ. [TNX The Daily DX]

XU - Peter, XU7ACY (NO2R) [425DXN 713] reports he is experiencing a tough time on 80 metres; it is very hard to find a hole that stays clear for more than a few minutes, so he has to move around a lot. Europe is very weak as are most stations. Peter sleeps during the day and is on all night, alternating between 80 and 160 metres every 15 minutes or so trying to catch an opening to somewhere. Look for him around 3509 and 1821.8 kHz. QSL via K2NJ. [TNX K2NJ]

XV - Nag, JA7GAX [425DXN 711] has received the licence that will allow him to operate from Conson Island (AS-130), Vietnam. He will leave Japan on 15 January and will operate as XV2G/C from the island (from around 16 January until around 17 UTC on the 23rd) and as XV2G from the mainland (24-25 January). Look for him on 40, 20, 15 and 10 metres, CW only. QSL via home call, direct only (Takayoshi Nagashima, 3-8-18 Akasaka Aoba-ku, Sendai, Miyagi 989-3211, Japan). [TNX JN6RZM and IZ8CCW]

XV - JA9BV and JA3DYU will be vacationing in Vietnam on 14-17 March and they plan to operate CW (3515, 7014, 14040, 21040 KHz) and SBB (3540, 7040, 14160, 21160 KHz) as XV3BV and XV3DYU. After Vietnam they will be active as BW2/JA9BV and BX2/JA3DYU from Taiwan on 18-23 March. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. [TNX JI6KVR]

YB9 - Stan, YB0AJR (OK1JR) will operate as YB0AJR/9 Gili Air Island (claimed to count for OC-150) on 8-12 January. He will concentrate on 40, 30, 20 and 15 metres CW, and will try to be active also during the ARRL RTTY Roundup. QSL via OK1JN. [TNX YB0AJR]

YU - The YU CW Club is celebrating its 35th anniversary by using special call 4N35CW. Individual special calls are as follows: 4N35AA (YT1AA), YT35AD (YT1AD), YT35II (YT1II), YT35A (YT6A), YT35AA (YT7AA), YU35AA (YU1AA), YU35BM (YU1BM), YU35CY (YU1CY), YU35DX (YU1DX), YU35GG (YU1GG), YU35HC (YU1HC), YU35MM (YU1MM), YU35MV (YU1MV), YU35NW (YU1NW), YU35RJ (YU1RJ), YU35SB (YU1SB), YU35UB (YU1UB), YU35VT

(YU1VT), YU35VV (YU1VV), YU35WR (YU1WR), YU35XW (YU1XW), YU35ZZ (YU1ZZ), YU35AW (YU6AW), YU35DR (YU7DR), YU35EV (YU7EV), YU35YL (YU8YL), YZ35AA (YZ1AA), YZ35AU (YZ1AU) and 4N35GM (4N1GM). [TNX YZ1EW]

ZS - The Pretoria Amateur Radio Club will use ZS75PTA through 31 December to celebrate their 75th anniversary. QSL either via the bureau or direct to PARC, P.O. Box 73696, Lynnwood Ridge 0040, South Africa, [TNX OPDX Bulletin]

PACIFIC TOUR - Elizabeth/VE7YL and Gwen/VK3DYL will operate from Vanuatu Port Vila (OC-035) and Aore (OC-035), Vanuatu on 2-19 May. They will then move to Tonga and operate from Nuku'alofa (OC-049) and Vava'u OC-064) from 23 May to 7 June. Callsigns and QSL information will be given in due course. [TNX VK3DYL]

CQ WW 160M CW CONTEST

The following stations have announced their participation in this year's contest (29-30 January):

3D2_r Charlie, HA8IB and Eli, HA9RE as 3D2RR from Rotuma. QSL via HA8IB.
CO Raul, CO8ZZ as Single Operator Low Power from Cuba. QSL via DK1WI.
CT3 HA5JI, HA5SX, VE3NZ and VE3NE as CT9M from Madeira.
CT3 An OK Team as CT9C. QSL via OK5DX
CT3 OH2PM as CQ3A.
D4 Al, 4L5A as D4B from Cape Verde. QSL via K1BV.
EY Nodir, EY8MM from Tajikistan. QSL via K1BV.
FM Thomas, KC0W as TO0O from Martinique. QSL direct to home call.
GD G3NKC G4XUM and M0BEW as MD4K from the Isle of Man. QSL via G3NKC.
GJ Richard, K2WR as either GJ2A or MJOAWR from Jersey. QSL via K2WR.
I IK2HKT as IH9GPI from Pantelleria (African Italya). QSL via bureau.
KH0 Takashi, JF1MIA as KH0A from the Mariana Islands. QSL via home call.
KP2 John, G4RCG as KP2ZZ from St. Croix, US Virgin Islands. QSL via G4OOC.
OH0 OH1JT, OH3WW, OH5DX, and OH7JR as OH0Z from the Aland Islands. QSL via OH5DX.
VE Yuri, VE3DZ as VE2IM from Zone 2.
VE Paul, N4PN and Jeff, K1ZM as VY2ZM from Prince Edward Island.
VP2V Curt, W3HQ as VP2V/W3HQ from the British Virgin Islands (NA-023). QSL via VK4AAR (direct only).
VP9 Jon, N0JK as VP9/N0JK from Bermuda.
YA YA5Y from Afghanistan (SOLP). QSL via bureau to DL5SE.
YB Stan, YB0AJR (OK1JR) as YE0X from Jawa, Indonesia. QSL via bureau.

Do not forget to give a look to the
 Announced Operations listing maintained by Bill, NG3K at
<http://www.ng3k.com/Misc/cq160c2005.html>



GOOD TO KNOW

THE NEW MAILING LIST OF 425 DX NEWS

The 425 DX News mailing list has been down for a couple of months owing to technical problems (too many subscribers!), but we are now glad to announce that the new mailing list [425ENG] has been up and running since 19 January.

If you want to subscribe, please visit <http://www.425dxn.org> and follow the step by step instructions.

The mailing list, whose software has been written by Gianluca Mazzini (IK4LZH), is hosted by the University of Ferrara. Please note that this mailing list is entirely new: all of the subscriptions to the old list have been removed from the DBase and old subscribers will have to resubscribe. Should you have problems, please contact the Administrator (Stefano Turci, IK4WMH: ik4wmh@425dxn.org) For the vast majority of our subscribers, 425DXN #704 was the last bulletin received through the old mailing list. We are in the process of sending the missing bulletins (#705, #706, etc), so that those are used to storing the bulletin files into a separate directory will be able to fill the gaps and have the entire collection. Our web site has been refreshed (the webmaster is Francesco Giacoia, IZ7AUH: iz7auh@425dxn.org) and we are glad to welcome onboard also Nicola Baldresca, IZ3EBA (editor of the monthly edition: iz3eba@425dxn.org) and Alessandro Scandelli, IW1FGZ (responsible for the gallery of QSL cards featuring the 425DXN logo: iw1fgz@425dxn.org).

Thank you for being patient during the transition period and for your continuing support to 425 DX News!

425 DX NEWS MAGAZINE • Nicola, IZ3EBA is working on compiling the two missing issues of the monthly editions, to let readers complete their collection. The August 2004 issue can be downloaded in either .pdf and/or .doc formats at <http://www.425dxn.org/monthly/> (September 2004 will follow).

3CAK • Victor Loginov, UA2FM provides a few enlightening details on 3CAK. The operator's name is really Vladimir Arseniev, and his address is correct [425DXN 714]. 3CAK is not an amateur radio call, but rather the callsign of the ship (the "Djibloho") Vladimir operates from. "Actually he should use this call adding /mm", Victor says, and adds that Vladimir was a club station operator over 20 years ago, and never had a personal callsign. Victor and his friends at RK2FWA contacted him and explained that his operation is illegal. They told him to apply for a 3C licence and operate from the mainland, or at least to use an amateur radio call /mm.

ANDAMAN & NICOBAR ISLANDS • Bharathi, VU2RBI has returned to Delhi, as planned, but several more Indian amateur radio volunteers have joined the existing team to activate stations for emergency traffic (main frequencies 14190 kHz and 7090-7095 kHz) on the tsunami hit islands. The Daily DX reports that on 29 December all Indian amateur radio stations were authorized to operate in the Andaman & Nicobar Islands to "assist the Civil Authorities in handling the messages pertaining to the disaster", and currently there are some 25-30 hams operating in various parts of the archipelago. A few interesting local and international press reports on the active involvement of amateur radio operators in the tsunami disaster can be found at <http://www.arri.org/news/stories/2005/01/04/2/?nc=1>. As for the VU4RBI/VU4NRO DXpedition, Charles/K4VUD reports that the log books "are safely now in Hyderabad at NIAR". Charles spoke directly with Suri, VU2MY (Director of NIAR), who stated that QSL cards are "arriving at NIAR in Hyderabad with all kinds of contents (green stamps, etc.) in good order". A list of QSL cards received will be posted on the NIAR website (www.niar.org) as soon as they have personnel to do this job, and there also plans to put the logs on-line.

ANTARCTIC TOUR • Antarctic veteran Graham Rumsey, M0GCR (VP8BF from Faraday in the Fifties) reports he will be leaving on 8 February on a 20-day trip to the Antarctic Peninsula, South Shetlands, South Orkneys, South Georgia and Falkland Islands. The exact landing spots/bases will be determined by weather and ice conditions, but he may be heard from time to time signing VP8BF. Itinerary should include stops on the islands of Adelaide, Stonington, Horseshoe and Dettailie (all count for AN-001), Galindez (AN-006), Goudier and Danco (both count for AN-012), Deception and Aitcho (both count for AN-010). [TNX IZ8CGS]

ANTARCTICA AWARD • The Award Manager (Gianni Marruccella, IZ8CGS) reports that all of the certificate requests received as of 31 December 2004 have been processed and mailed along with the complimentary map of Antarctica published by the Australian Antarctic Division [425DXN 700]. Up-to-date score tables are available at www.mdxc.org/antarctica/award.asp.



ANTARCTICA ACTIVITY • The Antarctica Activity 2005 listing includes callsign, Base name, location, IOTA Ref., QSL route plus much additional information and a QSL card image for each Antarctic Base activate. It can be found at <http://www.mdxc.org/antarctica/activity/>, along with the listing for activities in 2004. [TNX IZ8CGS]

AO-51 & ASIAN DISASTER • The following message is from Mike Kingery, KE4AZN, Echo Command Team Amsat VP Operations. "In an effort to lend any assistance possible to the Earthquake/Tsunami disaster area, we will configure and open AO-51 for use as a store and forward message satellite for those in the disaster area. Therefore at this time we will cancel the current schedule for AO-51. The planned mode change to the FM Repeater in high power will not occur. AO-51 will be reconfigured at approximately 0305 utc on 30 December to operate as a Store and Forward PBBS. The PBBS will still be open to general amateur use, but amateur operators should be ready to cease BBS operations at any moment, when we start to receive message traffic. We ask that all unattended PBBS operation stop until further notice. AO-51 PBBS users may be requested to help download and forward messages. More information about how amateur operators can help will be forthcoming. The FM repeater (Downlink 435.300 Mhz, Uplink 145.920 MHz) will be turned off to allow maximum power to be used on the PBBS downlink. The configuration for AO-51 PBBS will be or normal setup: Downlink: 435.150 MHz, FM 9600 baud PacSat BroadCast Protocol (PBBS) Unlink: 145.860 MHz FM, 9600 baud PacSat BroadCast Protocol (PBBS) Anyone that can help contact those in the disaster area and inform them of the Satellite resource is encouraged to do so".

CANADIAN POSTAGE • Effective 17 January the international postage rates in Canada will increase (+ 5 cents). Nenad, VE3EXY says that 1 USD is not enough to cover international mail from Canada. [TNX The Daily DX]

CQ MAGAZINE ANNIVERSARY

• CQ Amateur Radio magazine will celebrate its 60th anniversary in 2005 and celebrations will include a "CQ Gang" activity to be held from 1 January to 1 March - all those who have ever had an association with CQ magazine may sign "/60" (six zero) after their call sign. Complete rules for the "CQ/60" Operating Activity and the relevant "CQ Gang Award" are at <http://www.cq-amateur-radio.com/CQ60> Award Dec04.pdf



DXCC NEWS • The R1MVI operation from MalyjVysotskij Island (10-13 September) has been approved for DXCC credit.

F5VHH • Once again F5VHH is participating in the Paris-Dakar Rally and has been active as CN/F5VHH. Please note that Morocco - as well as other African countries he has operated from - does not issue portable or mobile calls. "None of these operations count and will ever count for DXCC", Maurice/F5NQL says.

IK3GES • Gabriele, IK3GES informs that both YJ0ASG and FK/IV3FSG have been approved for DXCC credit. Requests for Z38A, Z38B, Z38/IV3FSG, Z43/IV3FSG, FK/IV3FSG, YJ0ASG will be accepted only direct with SAE and sufficient return postage.

MDXC CONVENTION • The first Convention organized by the Mediterraneo DX Club will take place at the Pamaran Hotel, Nola (Naples) on 9-10 April. Please visit <http://www.mdxc.org/meeting.asp> or e-mail meeting@mdxc.org for further information. [TNX IZ8CGS]



MDXC MEMBERS TROPHY • The Mediterraneo DX Club's worldwide membership is growing. To celebrate the 200th member mark the club organizes the first MDXC Members Trophy, which will take place on 4-6 February 2005. The MDXC HQ station IR8M plus several special event stations are expected to participate in the event: 9A0MDC (op. 9A6AA), ED3MDC (op. EA3GHZ), ED4MDC (ops. EA4TD and EC4AEW),

ED8MDC (op. EA8AKN), HG05MDC (ops. HA1RW, HA9PP, HA3JB), I18MDC (ops. IK8VRN, IZ8FON, IK8BIZ, IZ8DEP, IZ8FEN, IK8XIR, IZ8EDG, IK8VMT, I8JOQ), I19MDC (op. IT9VCE), IO8MDC (ops. I8LWL, IZ8FBS, IK8WAB, IK8IVA, IK8BQE, IZ8CGS, IZ8FCA, IZ8FPI), IR2MDC (op. IK2CIO), IR5MDC (op. IZ5BSB), IR7MDC (ops. IK7JWX and IZ7CDE), IR9MDC (op. IT9EJW), IU1MDC (ops. IK1NLZ, IK1XPK, IK1JJB, IK1RLI), UE3EMC (ops. RZ3EC and RZ3EM), UP7GU (op. UN7GU), UP7GF (op. UN7GF) and Z37M (op. Z33F). Information on the event can be found at <http://www.mdxc.org/trophy2005.asp> [TNX IZ8CCW]

NOT THE MANAGER • Jean-Marc, F8IXZ says he is not the QSL manager for XW1PD, XW3PD or CN8PD. Apparently someone is playing games with him.

NOT THE MANAGER • Please note that Steve, G0UIH is not and has never been the QSL manager for XW3DT. Cards should be sent to Alexey Sinchukov, P.O. Box T511, Vientiane, Laos.

OPERATORS NEEDED • Charles "Frosty" Frost, K5LBU (www.dxsafari.com) is putting together a team to operate from Swaziland for ten days in July, IARU contest (9-10 July) included. He hopes to have 3 CW operators and 3 SSB operators make the trip. If interested, please contact Frosty at frosty1@pdq.net [TNX K5LBU]

PIRATE • Your Editor (I1JQJ) has been repeatedly pirated on the packet cluster - is there any need to say that in my limited spare time I like chasing DX and compiling 425 DX News better than posting stupid and nasty announcements? Many thanks to all those who have expressed their sympathy to me.

QSL 9K2/DB1JA

W • Mike (<http://db1ja.w.de>) says that the QSL route for his December 2004 activity from the desert between Kuwait-City

and the Iraqi border is direct only (Mike Weiler, Stormstr. 126, 47445 Moers, Germany) and that "return postage is not required".



QSL AS-153 • The operators expected to be involved in this year's IOTA activity from Sagar Island (AS-153) [425DXN 714] were VU2DPM, VU2EWS, VU2HFR, VU2JSH, VU2KFR, VU2NKI and VU2SKD. The QSL manager for this operation is N6AWD (Fred K. Stenger, 6000 Hesketh Dr, Bakersfield, CA 93309, USA). [TNX VU2HFR]

QSL F6ACC • Pierre-Jean reports that he has not used his F6ACC since 5 January 2005, when he was given the call F3MB. QSL to P. Jean Lafaurie, 100 Ave. Louis Barthou, F-33200 Bordeaux, France.

QSL HC8N • You can check on the status of your HC8N (<http://hc8n.info/>) QSL request on W5UE's page at <http://www.datasync.com/~w5ue/qsl-w5ue.html>. HC8N also also participates in the ARRL Logbook of the World initiative. Direct cards should be sent to Randy Becnel, P.O. Box 170, Kiln, MS 39556-0170, USA.

QSL MANAGER SURVEY • January is the last month to nominate your 5 choices for The Top 5 QSL Managers for 2004 [425DXN 708]. The annual survey is conducted by the "Golist, QSL Manager List" (<http://golist.net/>); Dxers around the world are asked to submit the list of their nominees based solely upon their opinion of how the QSL manager responded to their QSL requests. Nominations should be sent to golist@golist.net (put TOP 5 NOMINATIONS in the subject line), [TNX K1XN and The Golist]

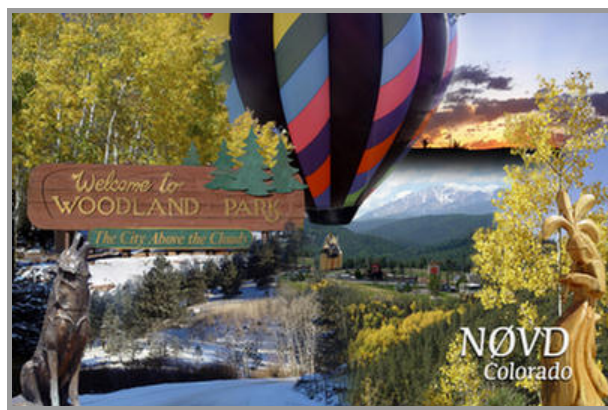
QSL VI3GP • The Club handling this callsign apologizes for the long delay in acknowledging cards received. All direct cards with return postage have now been sent out. Bureau cards will follow shortly [TNX VK3DYL]



QSL VK4UC • The newly printed QSL cards have been received and Kim Larson, daughter of N3SL, has processed just over 400 cards (about 50 of those were direct, the rest went to the ARRL outbound bureau). At the moment the 2002 WPX CW, Oceania Contest and CQWW CW logs are missing. [TNX N3SL]

QSL VK9LA & VK9LW • Bill, VK4FW reports that all direct cards received up to 30 December have been answered. A reminder to all: "overseas postage here has increased to \$1.80", Bill says, "a single USD no longer covers return postage".

QSL VP5/NOVD • "I have answered all direct requests for my VP5 trip in October/November 2004", Kelly/NOVD says. "Buro cards are just starting to trickle in and those will be returned via the buro as time permits".



QSL XF3/XE3RKK • Ray, N6VR has retrieved the logs for Adolfo's (XE3RKK/KN6OU) operations from NA-153 and NA-200 back in 1994. He has the logs for XF3/XE3RKK from Banco Chinchorro (NA-200, 29-30 October and 5-6 November 1994) and XF3/XE3RKK from Desterrada Island (NA-153, 8-9 November 1994). If you still need them please send your direct request to N6VR. Ray also has about 25 QSLs and some SASEs that have not been answered, and he hopes to reply to these over the next several weeks. [TNX N6VR and www.islandchaser.com]

QSL XF3T • Please note that the correct manager for this station, which was recently active from NA-200, is neither XE1KK (as reported by mistake in 425DXN 712) nor W1NK, but N1NK (as reported in 425DXN 711).

QSL VIA DL7FT • The P.O. Box for the late Frank Turek, DL7FT has been closed. Cards should be sent direct to Frank's wife, DL7CN: Sigrid Handke, Quakerstrasse 21, 13403 Berlin, Germany. [TNX DL2VFR]

QSL VIA EA5KB • Pepe reports he is now the QSL manager for 4C2M, LU7VCH, XE2AFR, XE3ARV and YC8TAF.

QSL VIA EB2AYV • George reports that he expects to start processing the 5000+ 3D2EA, A35DX, T20DX and ZK3DX requests received so far in January. He apologizes for the delay, but he had to wait for the operator (Christian, EC3ADC) to return to Europe. [TNX DJ5IH]

QSL VIA RX3RC • Roman, RX3RC reports he is the new QSL manager for Vladimir, UN7EX and his special callsigns (UO1E, UP57EX, UP58EX, UP59EX, UO60SB, UP2003ZO, UQ1EDX, UP100RAEM, UN180E). QSL direct (Roman A. Novikov, P.O.Box 21, 392000 Tambov, Russia) or via the bureau.

QSL VIA S57DX • Slavko, S57DX says he has no backlog for any of S57CQ's operations. These include 9A/S57CQ, T9/S57CQ, 5B/S57CQ, YI/S57CQ, YI9T and A52CQ (all of the QSOs have been confirmed direct or via the bureau) as well as ST2T (direct requests are processed on a daily basis). He welcomes bureau cards.

QSL VIA UA0LCZ • Vlado, UA0LCZ (Vlado Miroshnichenko, P.O. Box 41-21, Vladivostok, 690041, Russia) says that direct requests for RIOMC (Chishachev Island, 20-26 July 2004) and RIOMR (Popova Island, July 2003) are being processed and mailed. [TNX UA0MF and UA0LCZ]

QSL MANAGER OFFERED • Vasilij, RW6HS offers his services to Russian amateur radio stations needing a QSL manager. He can be contacted at rw6hs@narod.ru

SRT MEETING • The second Meeting organized by the Strange Radio Team will take place at the Sica Hotel, Montecorvino Rovella (Salerno) on 23-24 April. Please visit www.strangeradioteam.com or e-mail srt@strangeradioteam.com for further information. [TNX IZ7AUH & IZ8EDJ]

THE SCOTTISH HAM PORTAL TROPHY • The Scottish HAM Portal (<http://www.scotham.net>) introduces a new trophy for Scottish amateur radio stations. The objective of this trophy is to highlight the most active Scottish amateur radio station in the outgoing year. Please send your vote to nominate the most active Scottish amateur radio station in 2004 of your choice via mm0dfv@scotham.net (deadline is 15 January 2005). Everyone is eligible to vote. [TNX MM0DFV]

UK DX RTTY CONTEST • The GM Contest Club announces the second UK DX RTTY Contest which will be held on 29-30 January (from 12 UTC to 12 UTC). The objective of the contest is to establish as many RTTY contacts as possible between radio amateurs around the world and radio amateurs in the United Kingdom. Full information can be found at <http://www.ukdx.scotham.net> [TNX MM0DFV]

V25PR • Paolo, IK2QPR operated as V25PR from Renvil/V21RW's QTH on Antigua from 17 to 22 January (around 1300 QSOs). QSL via home call (Paolo Fava, Via Bertani 8, 46100 Mantova - MN, Italy).

VP8ROT & VP8ADE • Mike, VP8CMH/GM0HCQ did operate shortly as VP8ROT from Rothera (AA G-07) on Adelaide Island (AN-001), Antarctica for about three

hours in the UTC night between 25 and 26 January. The "James Clark Ross" has now departed and Mike will not get the chance to go ashore and operate again this season. "I am not sure when I will be back to the base", he says, "but it may not be until December 2006". QSL VP8ROT via GM0HCQ. Mike also reports that the beacon VP8ADE (28285 khz) is also QRV.



VUCC/R • The Central States VHF Society is sponsoring the new VUCC/R(over) award. Its purpose is to recognize the contribution of rover station operators to the world of grid hunting. Rovers are folks operating while mobile in motion or temporarily parked to give out grids to fixed stations. Contacts made on 1 January 1983 or later qualify. Rules and contact information are available on the CSVHFS website at www.csvhfs.org. [TNX PY2ZX]

+ SILENT KEYS +

Gerben, PG5M reports that Geert Heemstra, PA0GIN passed away on 23 December. A long time radio amateur and a great CW enthusiast, he was the inspiration for many aspirant ham radio operators and the driving force behind many activities, contest station PA0GN (later PI4GN) included. Gerben himself was one of the many people who received a CW training from Geert, who later acted as his QSL manager (for PA0GAM/ST2, etc.).

We have also been informed recently of the passings of Marko Pavlic (9A7C/9A2PM), Ugo Cartia (I0CUT, of 1A0KM, HVOA and HV4NAC fame) and Victor Ardynsky (YL2BI).



Station R – Rothera
(G-07 for the Antarctica Award)
on Adelaide Island (IOTA AN-001)



VP8ROT at Rothera

NEWS FROM THE WEB

DLI: The DLI Software, made by Gabriele Antonielli (I5-1990), can be downloaded at www.logswl.com. The Italian Lakes Award (DLI - Diploma dei Laghi Italiani), sponsored by ARI Ivrea, is available to either licensed amateurs and SWLs. The certificate is free of charge and participation is managed exclusively on-line. For further information please visit http://www.ari-ivrea.it/html/regol_en.htm or e-mail the Award Manager, Bruno Giacometti (I1ABT), at i1abt@ari-r1.it



DX SPOTS: Rod Elliott, VE3UW (ex VE3IRF) has collected the DX spots from the OH2AQ Web Cluster since January 1997. The collection - from January 1997 up to December 2004 - is available at www.425dxn.org/dxspots/ as well the software (DXINFO v2.0) which will enable you to handle the files (instructions at the URL above). [TNX IZ7AUH]

LOGS

- On-line logs of 3G0YP and 3G0YM from Easter Island (SA-001) are available at <http://www.qsl.net/3g0ym/logs.htm> [TNX IZ8CCW]
- On-line logs and pictures of CW5R from Lobos Island (SA-039) are available at <http://www.dx-men.com> [TNX EA5RM]
- On-line logs for S9SS can be found at <http://lea.hamradio.si/~s50u>. S9SS (formerly known as S92SS) is Charles Lewis, the Voice of America Site Supervisor on Sao Tome.
- On-line logs for VP8WWW, VP8WFW, VP8WPF, VP8WMJ and VP8DXL can be found at <http://www.gtdx.com/logs/searchvp8.html>



*VP8WFW, VP8WPF and VP8DXL
operating VP8WWW*



The CW5R team

NEW FORUM: A new forum for the users of DX-clusters can be found at <http://www.gb7mbc.net/forum/> [TNX GOYLM]

QSL GALLERIES: An impressive collection of 2100+ QSL cards is available on Les Nouvelles DX's web site. Six different galleries include cards for each of the 58 deleted DXCC entities (400+ QSLs), obsolete prefixes (800+ QSLs), Antarctic bases (300+ QSLs) & TAAF (Terres Australes and Antarctiques Francaises, 190 QSLs), pre-1945 countries (200+ QSLs) and French Departments. Several cards are still needed and your participation is welcome - please visit <http://LesNouvellesDX.free.fr> and send send your comments to LesNouvellesDX@free.fr [TNX F6AJA]

TSUNAMI: On 2 January Alain, F6BFH was interviewed by the TV News on the help provided by amateur radio operators during the tsunami emergency. The interview can be seen at <http://videos.tf1.fr/video/archivesJT/> and click on "Les radio-amateurs creent une chaine de solidarite". [TNX Clipperton DX Club]

QSL ROUTES

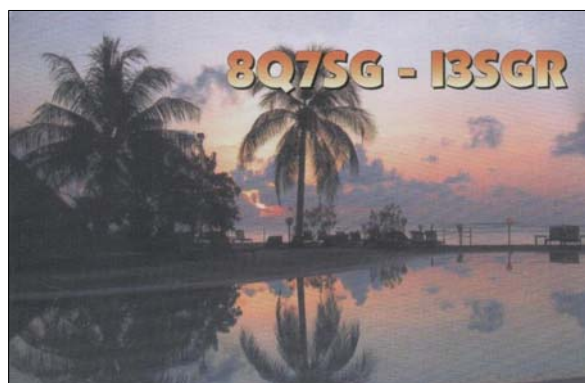
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3D2TJ	K6JAT	FR5/DK4CD	DK4CD	ST2T	S57DX
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6Y5/KN5G	KN5G	J20FH	F5PRU	VK6ASG	G3ASG
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A35RK	W7TSQ	OD5UT	K3IRV	XU7AAA	XW2A
A61R	EA7FTR	OO4UN	ON4UN	YB5/9V1GO	OK1DOT
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CN2JD	F5BTK	OO6UR	ON6UR	YI9WRV	W3HNC
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CN8SG	EA7FTR	OY1OF	ON5UR	YU35ZZ	YU1ZZ
CO7EH	AD4C	OY4TN	ON5UR	ZB2/DL4WK	DL4WK
CW5R	CX2ABC	P4/W6LD	K5WW	ZB2/DL7UFR	DL7UFR
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CALL	MANAGER	CALL	MANAGER	CALL	MANAGER
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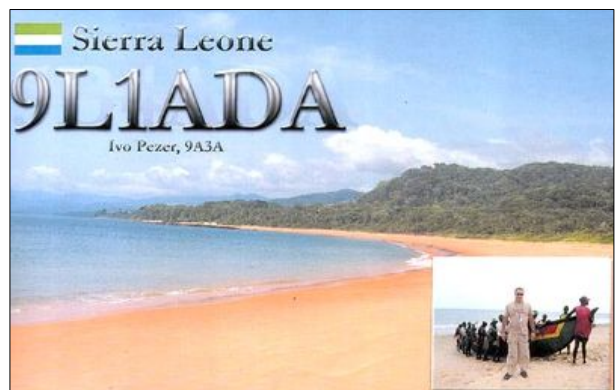
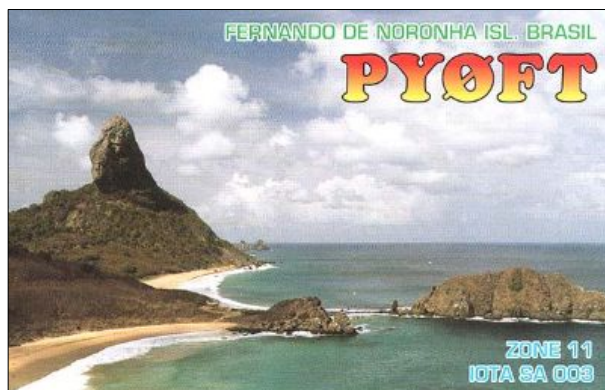
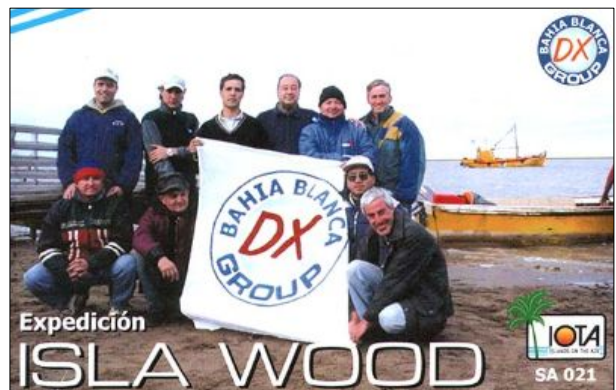
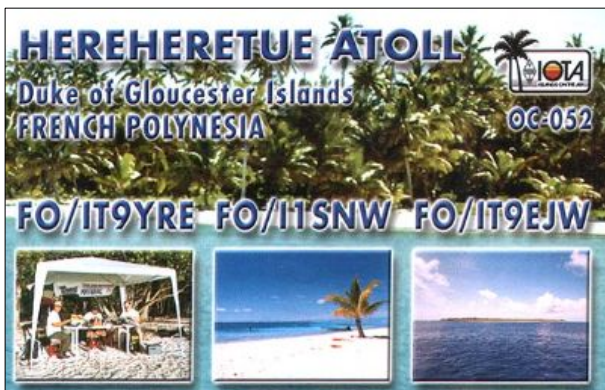


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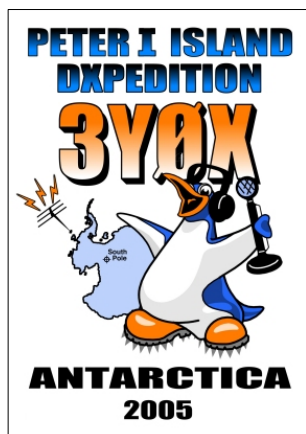
PETER I ISLAND DXPEDITION NEWS

PRESS RELEASE # 10

Peter I DXpedition (3Y0X) - New Dates

From Ralph, KOIR and Bob, K4UEE

January 21, 2005



Our last press release announced a delay in the 3Y0X Dxpediton to Peter I. We can now give you more specific information.

The vessel we have chartered could not meet the original sailing date. The renovations and modifications taking place on the ship were not completed on schedule. K4UEE and LA6VM just returned from a visit to Chile that included an inspection of the team's chartered vessel, a meeting with the CEO of the charter company and the shipyard project supervisor, and an inspection of the team's equipment/supplies in our sea container stored in Punta Arenas.

We were disappointed to see that the ship is still not ready. Work is progressing, however, and the charter company tells us they expect to be ready to sail for Peter I on February 10. We are not entirely confident the

work can be completed on time, but the team is prepared to assemble in Punta Arenas, Chile on February 8.

If all things go well, we will arrive at the island about 6-7 days after departure, depending on the route, weather, and ice conditions. Our landing operations will commence immediately once the weather allows for safe helicopter operation.

We will first establish a safe, secure, and self-sufficient camp. Once this is complete we will begin setting up stations and antennas. We will be on the air as soon as possible, but this too is dependent on the conditions on the island. Blizzards, high winds, and low visibility are very real potential problems. We still plan to bring up 9 stations with amplifiers and a large array of antennas. Despite the schedule change, the team still hopes to spend 2 full weeks on the island. And, very importantly, our entire team remains intact.



The state of preparation of the ship, the location, complex logistics, weather, and sea ice are all challenges and largely out of our control. We will do all that is within our power to complete this DXpedition safely and within this new time frame. If all goes well and we sail as planned on February 10, we will return to Punta Arenas on March 10th. Check our web site, www.peterone.com, regularly for updates.

XF1K (NA-164 NA-165) PHOTO GALLERY

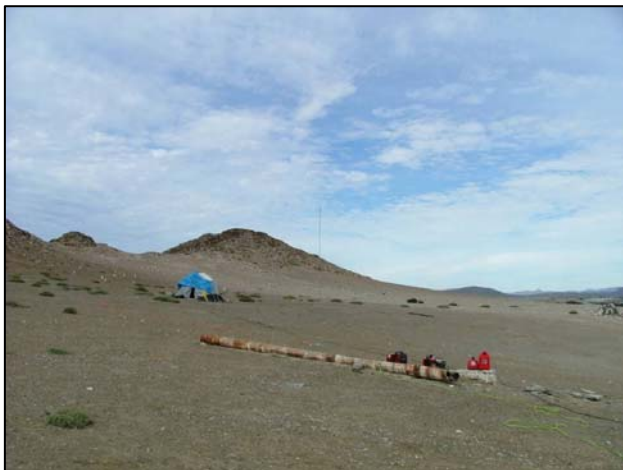
The XK1K operations from Asuncion (NA-164) and Santa Ines (NA-165) islands, two most wanted IOTA groups, are over. This is a small photo gallery of the expedition, courtesy of Hector, XE2K.



From L to R: Hector (XE2K), José Luis (ex XE2TT), Norman (N6JV), Ray (N6VR)



On the road to Isla Asuncion



The camp site on Isla Asuncion (NA-164)



The Island Radio Expedition Foundation (<http://www.islandradio.org>) is the only organization dedicated solely to the support of expeditions to rare and new IOTA qualifying islands



Isla Santa Ines (NA-165)



Isla Santa Ines (NA-165)



Ray, N6VR operating from NA-165

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